Promotion of cultural tourism in Gujarat

3300. SHRl RAMSINGBHAI PATA-LIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a f-ict that a major thrust has been given to cultural tourism in various parts of Gujanit and other States during 1987-88;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the amount actually allocated and spent during the same period for the *purpose;*

(d) what steps are being taken to promote the cultural tourism in Gujarat during 1988, 1989 and 1990; and

(e) the names of the places selected or proposed to be selected for promotion of cultural tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO); (a) and (b) Promotion of various forms of tourism including cultural tourism is an ongoing process and the Central Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States for providing tourism infrastructure at centres of cultural importance. During 1987-88, financial assistance was provided to States for floorlighting of monuments, fairs and festivals, creation of accommodation at centres of cultural importance. etc.

(c) During 1987-88, a revised total allocation of Rs. 109. 00 lakhs was made for fairs and festivals, floodlighting/sound and light shows and cultural tourism. During 1987-88 so far, an expenditure of Rs. 103. 35 lakhs has been incurred.

(d) and (e) The Central Ministry of Tourism does not allocate funds either State-wise or place-wise but sdheme-wise. Financial assistance to Stales is considered on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to merits of the proposals, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities during the years for which they are proposed.

Promotion of house building activites

3301. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATA-LIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
SHRI SAGAR RAYKA.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVF LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of steps have been taken to promote the house building activites, so as to meet the housing sho; tags in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated shortage of housing at present in Gujarat and other States; and

(d) what targets have been fixed for various financing agencies for meeting the demand for house construction loan in Urban as well as in Rural Housing Schemes in Gujarat and othsr States during 1988, 1989 and 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing is t State subject and all Social Housing Schemes are implemented by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations according to their local needs and plan priorities. Central financial assistance is given to States/UTs as block grants and block loans without being tied to any particular head of development. However, at the National level several steps have been taken to meet ihe demand for housing. Some of them are as follows: —

(i) The Public Ssctor outlay for housing has been raised from Rs 1490. 87 crores in the Sixth Five Year Plan to Rs. 2458. 21 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(ii) The norms for income eligibility, ceiling cost of construction and extent of Govt, loan assistance for various social Housing Scheme have been suitably revised to promote housing.